

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1           1.       (previously presented) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a  
2 backing tape onto a substrate, said device comprising:  
3               a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged;  
4               an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end  
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the  
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said  
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower  
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at  
9 an upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal  
10 side; and  
11               a third application edge projecting from said lower longitudinal side of said  
12 application member between said first application edge and said second application  
13 edge;  
14               wherein:  
15               said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of  
16 said application member.

1           2.       (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2               said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an  
3 angle of approximately 30° to 120°.

1           3.       (original) A hand-held device according to claim 2,  
2               wherein said mid-central planes of said first and second application edges  
3 enclose an angle of about 45° to 90°.

1           4.       (canceled)

1           5.       (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:

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2 the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third  
3 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said first application  
4 edge.

1 6. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2 said application member has a shaft; and  
3 the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third  
4 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said shaft of said  
5 application member.

1 7. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2 the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and  
3 said third application edge is convergent.

1 8. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 7, wherein:  
2 the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and  
3 said third application edge is wedge-shaped.

1 9. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and  
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent  
4 lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 10. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:  
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and  
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said  
4 adjacent lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 11. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application  
2 member has a front end portion movable upwards against an elastic restoring force.

1           12.     (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 11, wherein:  
2                     said application member has a rear end portion fixedly held in said housing;  
3     and  
4                     said application member is elastically flexible in a vertical direction in at  
5     least a partial area of its length.

1           13.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application  
2     member is rotatably mounted about a swivel axis extending in said housing upwards against  
3     an elastic restoring force.

1           14.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, further comprising at  
2     least one guiding web projecting backwards from a backside of said second application edge  
3     on at least one side, said guiding web having an inner side guiding the backing tape being  
4     wound around said second application edge.

1           15.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said second  
2     application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction  
3     closer to said housing.

1           16.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said first  
2     application edge is the front end of a longitudinally extending shaft of said application  
3     member.

1           17.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application  
2     member is formed with a necking.

1           18.     (original) A hand-held device according to claim 17, wherein:  
2                     said application member has a rear end closer to said housing than  
3     said front end; and  
4                     said necking is formed at said rear end of said application member.

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